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This typewritten document, headed "Secret Information Service", concerns the monthly West-mark requirements of certain Berlin VVB's [Federations of People-Owned Enterprises]. A breakdown of the approximately 95,000 West German marks needed each month is given for nine VVB's, the electrical industry leading the list with a monthly requirement of 30,000 marks. In addition to the 6,000 West marks regularly needed by the construction industry, a supplementary 33,000 marks were required in April for the acquisition of steam rollers and spraying machines.

The West German money is intended exclusively for the purchase from West Berlin or West Germany of goods in short supply in the GDR. Divided into nine categories corresponding to the VVB's listed, these goods include various kinds of sheet metal and tubing, wire, spare parts for diesel motors and motor vehicles, chemicals, drugs, etc.

The monthly requirements, totalling 17,050 West-marks, of eight offices (e.g., Postal and Telecommunications, Berlin Trade Center, etc.) are also listed.

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